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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please make the following amendment to the claims:

In the Claims:

<u>Cancel claims 1 to 19</u> as amended during Chapter II procedure.

Please add the following new claims.

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• • 20. A microsystem adapted for dielectrophoretic manipulation of

- 2 particles in a suspension liquid in a channel and an electrode arrangement with at least
- 3 one microelectrode on a lateral wall of the channel for generating a field barrier which
- 4 crosses the channel at least partly;
- 5 characterised in that

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